

Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers

City Council Study Session

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Agenda

- Update on other communities considering GPLB regulations
- Consideration of draft regulations and direction on specific code parameters
- Next steps

Update on other communities considering GPLB regulations

- Medina → Resolution 435: phase-out of GPLBs by 12/31/2027
- Bainbridge Island → Ban effective 7/1/2027, exemption for emergency utility and public safety work
- Kirkland → Electric leaf blower initiative became electric equipment initiative; exploring ban by 12/31/2028
- Seattle → resolution (not ban) in place, unenforceable and behind stated implementation schedule (passed in 2022) where city/commercial contractors phase out by 1/1/2025 and public phase out by 1/1/2027



HB 1868 (Rep. Walen, 48th LD)
t passed

phased ban started 1/1/2026 with full

Consideration of draft regulations and direction on specific code parameters

- Extent of use restrictions
 - Complete ban?
 - Seasonal ban?
 - Emergency use exceptions
- Phasing-in of regulations?
- Effective date(s) of regulations/phases of regulations
- Enforcement warning period

Next steps

- Public information and outreach
 - Notice of hearing
 - Social media, direct mailers (residents, 276 registered businesses)
- Enforcement feasibility analysis

Questions/Discussion

